

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2247**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Williams**

February 21, 2014

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An act to add Section 66014.8 to the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2247, as introduced, Williams. Postsecondary education: accreditation documents.

Under existing law, there are 4 segments of postsecondary education in this state. These segments include the three public segments: the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges. Private postsecondary educational institutions and independent institutions of higher education constitute the other segment.

This bill would require each campus or other unit of the segments listed above that receives public funding through state or federal financial aid programs, is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, and offers education and training programs to California students to make final accreditation documents available to the public via the institution's Internet Web site.

To the extent that this bill would require community college districts to provide this service, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 66014.8 is added to the Education Code,  
2     to read:  
3     66014.8. (a) All campuses or other units of any segment of  
4     postsecondary education that receive public funding through state  
5     or federal financial aid programs, are accredited by an accrediting  
6     agency recognized by the United States Department of Education,  
7     and offer education and training programs to California students  
8     shall make final accreditation documents available to the public  
9     via the institution's Internet Web site.  
10    (b) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the  
11    following meanings:  
12    (1) "Accreditation documents" means the institution's  
13    accreditation self-study report, the accreditation visiting team's  
14    final report, and the accreditation agency's final action letter.  
15    (2) "Segment of postsecondary education" means the California  
16    Community Colleges, the California State University, the  
17    University of California, the independent institutions of higher  
18    education, as defined in Section 66010, or the private  
19    postsecondary educational institutions, as defined in Section 94858.  
20    SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
21    this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
22    local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
23    pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
24    4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.